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Memorandum of understanding between the Government of India and Engineering Project (India) Limited

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Sir, on behalf of SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Industry, Department of Heavy Industry) and Engineering Project (India) Limited, for the year 1998-99.

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RE. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOTRA (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to raise a matter of privilege. When Members come into this House or the Lok Sabha, they have equal privileges. But we have noticed and it has been happening for quite some time that there are a lot of Members, ex-Ministers, ex-Chief Ministers or even present Ministers come into the House or near the precincts of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha with armed guards, with guards who are armed to their teeth. In fact, the other day, when we were coming down the stairs of the main entrance and we found black cats, about 20 of them, surrounding a car with weapons pointing at us. I think all the Members who are here are provided security by the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha and ,we are under your protection and therefore, there should not be any difference at all. I think this matter should not be referred to the Privileges Committee and this entry of guards, entry of armed personnel, should be prevented in the precincts of Parliament.

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA (Delhi): Sir,....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you referring to this issue or something else?

प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: इसी के साथ।..(व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a matter of privilege. Are you joining him?

प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: सभापति महोदय, मैं इसी पर बोल रहा हूं। (व्यवधान) खिलाफ नहीं बोल रहा हूं। इसी इश्यु पर प्रिविलेज की बात कर रहा हूं। आप सुन लीजिये (व्यवधान)

Please let me say something, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN, On privilege, only a person who has given notice will be called and not anybody else. *(Interruption)*. I would like you, Mr. Sikander Bakht, to say something. As the Leader of the Opposition, you were deeply concerned with it.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Sir, I do not have anything to say about the privilege part. But I would certainly bring to the notice of the Home Minister all these things on which I agree with the hon. Member that it should not happen here. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Sir, it is not a question of the Home Ministry. It is Parliament precincts, Lok Sabha and Speaker and Chairman. You should take a decision first. Security concern, of course, is there.

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त: सदर साहब, आनरेबल मैम्बर ने बिलकुल ठीक कहा है।

The entire parliament House comes under the administrative concern of the Speaker. That is true.

मगर ब्लैक कैट्स का यहां आना, कहां तक आना, इसके लिए हुक्म होम मिनिस्ट्री ही दे सकती है।

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